

# THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

## Upcoming Events in Kosciusko County

Take advantage of free one-on-one business assistance provided in Warsaw by the South Bend Small Business Development Center and Kosciusko Development Inc. Wednesday, July 1st. Call 267-6311 to schedule a one hour counseling session.

### KDI Small Business Loans

[www.kdi-in.com/pdf/Flyer.pdf](http://www.kdi-in.com/pdf/Flyer.pdf)

### President's Point of View

Joy McCarthy-Sessing CEcD

As part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Small Business Administration has announced a new loan program to provide temporary financial relief to small businesses suffering immediate financial hardship so they can keep their doors open and get their cash flow back on track.

America's Recovery Capital, or ARC, loan program will offer small businesses up to \$35,000 to pay off existing loans. The 100% SBA-guaranteed ARC loans are intended to help businesses make principal and interest payments on existing, qualifying debt or loans. Borrowers will not have to make any payments for the first year and will have an additional 5 years to pay back their loan. For qualifications and more details about ARC loans, go to [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

## SYMMETRY MEDICAL INC.

Symmetry Medical Inc., an independent provider of products to the global orthopaedic device industry and other medical markets announced the completion of over \$5 million strategic investment in high precision design, development and manufacturing equipment at its Design and Development Center (DDC) in Warsaw.

The DDC is a facility dedicated to the design, engineering, prototype and manufacturing of highly sophisticated implants and instruments for the company's global customer base. Symmetry has expanded its capabilities and expertise at the DDC to include multiple high precision implant and instrument machining cells which provide high speed machining with up to five times more precision than traditional equipment. [www.symmetrymedical.com](http://www.symmetrymedical.com)

### Purdue Research

**Foundation** is now part of an international initiative to provide **free software technology to startup companies**. The BizSpark program provides Microsoft software to businesses for their first three years. [www.microsoft.com/bizspark/](http://www.microsoft.com/bizspark/)

### OrthoPediatrics Mira Award Winner

TechPoint, the economic initiative focused on Indiana's technology sector as well as entrepreneurship and innovation, unveiled the winners of its annual Mira Awards. The Mira Awards identify the most innovative and successful firms in technology focused companies in advanced manufacturing, logistics and life sciences.

OrthoPediatrics received the "Gazelle" award for being a fast-growing Life Science company in business less than three years. [www.orthopediatrics.com](http://www.orthopediatrics.com)

### Industrial Networking Group

Thursday, July 30, at 12:00 pm.  
KCH Health & Wellness Center

#### "Question & Answer Sessions"

Bring your questions and plan to discuss your specific workplace ideas with **Dr. Douglas Greeson**, MedStat Urgent Care & Occupational Health, **Wanda Cullison**, Registered Dietitian at the Health & Wellness Center and **Matt Hauck**, KCH Rehabilitation Physical Therapist. **Lunch & program provided at no cost.** For information 267-6311.

## Industrial Development Grant Fund

The IEDC provides **financial support for infrastructure improvements** in conjunction with projects creating jobs and generating capital investment in Indiana. This grant provides money to local governments for off-site infrastructure projects associated with **an expansion of an existing Indiana company or the location of a new facility in Indiana**. The program must be matched by a combination of local government and company financial support.

Eligible applicants include: cities, towns, counties, economic development commissions, nonprofit corporations and water/sewage/solid waste districts. **Projects which may qualify include: sewer/storm sewers, waterlines, roads, sidewalks, rail spurs, IT infrastructure and surveys/plans for public facilities.** [www.in.gov/iedc/IDGF.htm](http://www.in.gov/iedc/IDGF.htm)

The Taste & Trade Expo 2009 is scheduled for October 16 & 17 at the Orthopaedic Capital Center at Grace College. For more information call the Chamber at 574/267-6311 or email [info@wkchamber.com](mailto:info@wkchamber.com). In 2008, over 2000 people attended the Expo.

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